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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 20 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 have been cancelled, and claims 2 - 4, 6 - 9 and 18 - 20 have each been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005.

Examiner Teleconference:

Applicant gratefully appreciates the teleconference initiated by the Examiner on June 24, 2005 during which the Examiner indicated that claim 2 and its dependent claims 3-7 were allowable.

In addition, the Examiner also indicated that independent claims 8 and 19 would also be allowable to include the feature of original claim 2, and that independent claims 9, 18 and 20 would be allowable if amended to include the features of original claim 10.

It is respectfully submitted that independent claims 8 and 19 have been amended to include the features of original claim 2 and that independent claims 9, 18 and 20 have been amended to include the features of original claim 10.

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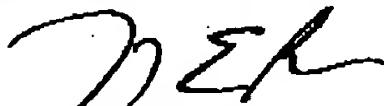
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims 2-9 and 11-20, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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